The Round-Up

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CHRISTMAS CONCERT

BY Cheryl Callis

West's annual Christmas concert will be held tonight at 7:30, and is definitely going to be an evening well spent for all who attend.

Mr. Payne's 7th grade general music classes will perform along with WJH's chorus, which will sing beautifully such selections as "Carol of the Bells," "Sleigh Ride", "Glory to God in the Highest", and "Do You Hear What I Hear?".

These thrilling performances will astound us all, but the show is not over! West's orchestra will also contribute to the gay festivities with excellently played selections such as "Peace of Christmas", and "Christmas Celebration".

The turnout should be great and the Round Up would like to sincerely encourage all to support our music department and attend this enjoyable concert. See you there!

Ho! Ho! Ho!

by Karen Buccos

Who is known for his familiar "Ho, Ho, Ho!" (hint: it's not the jolly green giant) his bright red suit, and his bag full of toys? Why, it's Santa Claus!!

All of us know about Santa Claus as he is today, but what about his history? Let's see what we can discover.

Our Santa developed from Saint Nicholas, the bishop of Myra, an ancient city in Turkey who lived about A. D. 300's. He was very kind and after his death his fame spread throughout Europe. During the Middle Ages he was the patron saint of the schoolboys.

Because of the children's fondness for Saint Nicholas and his gift-bringing habit, the custom was preserved. The custom was brought to New Amsterdam by the Dutch settlers. The English speaking children tried to pronounce his Dutch name, Sant Nikolaas, but in their enthusiasium they pronounced it quickly so it came out Santy, or Santa Claus.

Thus, developes the American version of Saint Nickolas, with his red suit, white beard, and his friendly "Ho, Ho, Ho!!!"

Christmas

by Diane Hall

Christmas is a day throughout the world that we honor and celebrate the birth of Christ. This is the most joyous season of the year, because years ago the prophets foretold the coming of the Savior. The birth of Christ was the Savior. Therefore, the holiday season is suppose to be a happy and joyous time of the year.

Santa Claus, a legend in the United States is known by many names. Some are Pere Noel, La Befana, or Christkindli. It is believed that he comes down the chimney with a bag full of toys and goodies for the good boys and girls.

Christmas is not the same in other countries, for instance in Switzerland. There, the young people go to nine fountains on their way to church service on Christmas Eve, and take three sips of water from each. They believe that if they do this they will find their future husband or wife waiting at the church door.

In Italy, the people go without, or have little food. At the end of the end of the ceremony is held around the Prespio, which is a minature scene of Bethelehem with tiny figures of the Holy Family, Sheperds, and Wisemen.

Action Line

by Krista Wheatley

Let Action Line be your official spokesman and pipeline to the top. We will try to solve your problems and find answers to your problems.

Dear Action Line,

Is there anything that can be done about the cold roome in the mornings. I freeze, and the polar ice cap is no place for education.

Laura Barnabei

Dear Laura,

Action Line agrees with you, but the rooms are set at 68° (the body heat warms them up to 72°) by the teachers request. If it is keeping you from your studies Mr. Wilks suggests that you talk to your homeroom or whatever class it is a out changing the tempture. All the teachers have to do is request the custodian to set the thermostat higher in that room. (If you prefer the tropics.)

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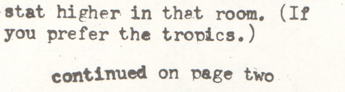


Christmas Sock Hop

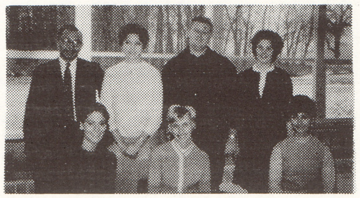
By Jeff Swope

On December 8th, West Junior High witnessed one of the most fantastic Sock-Hops ever!

That's right! From 3 to 4 p.m., students flocked into the cafetorium to enjoy our Sock-Hop. Sponsored by the Student Council, the cost was only a dime, so everyone could enjoy it. The best thing about it was that all the money from the Sock-Hop is going to a worthy cause--the Salvation Army!

The Round-Up hopes everyone attended this fabulous dance, and we know that many people will have a warm Christmas meal from the Salvation Army because of it.

Student Teachers



by Jenny Crittenden

The student teachers in this picture from left to right are;
Front row: (smiling) Mrs. Drachler, Mrs. Hauthey, and Miss Witt.
Back row: Mr. Glenn, Mrs. Dean, Mr. Bleasdale, and of course Miss Burton.
The Happy faces missing from this picture are: Miss De Lorge, Mr. Kummerow, Mrs. Whipple, and last but not least Miss Wonderly.

All of these hard working students from the University of Michigan and Eastern University working for a degree and a Teachers Certificate.

When these enthusiastic "will be" teachers come to West, they work with a teacher who has taugh there two or more years. The student teachers plan and teach two classes. The other hour provides an opportunity to have a conference with the teacher. The experienced teacher brings out the student teachers good points, as well as their faults and also gives them some helpful hints.

Voice of the Mustangs

By Karl Weiss

This year, for the first time, West has appointed a "Voice of the Mustangs" -- Keith Angelocci.

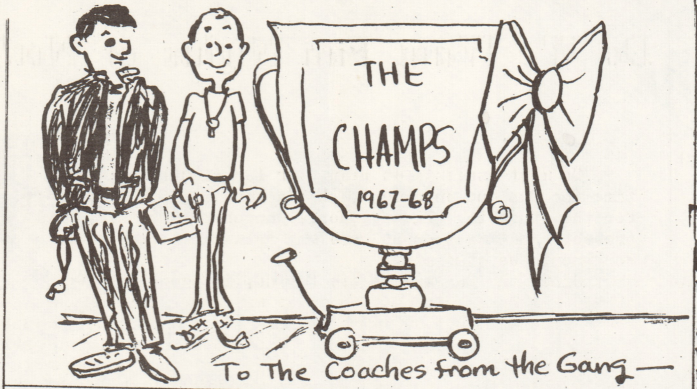
The way that he was choosen was as follows: an announcement was made and all boys that wanted to try out for the position were to go to a meeting or sign a list. The person chosen had to have a pretty good knowledge of sports and could be able to talk sports when making announcements. His voice had to one that carried well over the P.A. He also had to be a person that would be at all of the athletic contests and yet wouldn't be on a team or participating as part of the team.

Keith's main duties are to inform the students of all athletic contests and their results, and to make all announcements in general for the athletic department.

Freshmen Basketball

By Gary Ziegler

This year's ninth grade team is up and coming, due to the fact of the new prospects: Michael Horne, Don Bailey, and Wyman Greene(a former East player). They are supposed to give the team a great boost in their record from a 3 win & 5 lose record from last years as eighth graders. This years members are: Don Bailey, Charles Brandon, Jim Buelow, Tom Carpenter, Lurie Davis, Rick Dickerman, Wyman Greene, Mike Horne, Pete Kingston, Bob Moffett, Greg Richardson, Larry Walls, Cordy Weatherspoon, and Karl Weiss.



To The Coaches from the Gang—

A Game For EVERYONE

by Molly Power

A highly versatile sport, that is liked by almost all of the girls in Mrs. Flesner's gym classes, is volleyball. It has always been on the girls' gym program at West, because it takes little equipment, and can accommodate many people at one time.

Some of volleyball's many values, are that it is a coeducational game, so that both boys and girls can play it. It is a game that can be used throughout life; at picnics, social gatherings, and sports events. Volleyball also develops teamwork among the players.

Many skills can be developed by playing this game, such as hand and eye co-ordination, and timing. Also, certain techniques such as "spiking," develop and strengthen girls' shoulder and arm muscles.

Seventh, eighth, and ninth-grade tournaments are held when volleyball is played in the girls' gym classes. As you see, volleyball is practical, fun, and really "with it!"

OH WELL . . . .

Patty Adams: Why did Mickey Mantle marry Betty Crocker?
Ginny Compere: I don't know!
Patty: To get a better batter.

WRESTLing TEAm

by Tom Byrum

This years squad consists of the following boys in alphabetical order: Dave Ahles, Rob Arcure, Pete Amery Rick Baldwin, Co-Captain Rick Bohn, Amen Bow, Tom Byrum, Tom Brackney, Charlie Brooks, Carroll Cardill, Steve Clark, Gary Court, Gary Court, Gary Davenport, Stan Duede, Keith Dumas, Barry Fancett, Bob Fidler, Mike Hiler, Dennis Hines, Keith Holman, Stan Hornacek, Dan Hyatt, Bruce Ibbetson, Charles Irvin, Barry Isaacson, Gary Isaacon, Jeff Jentzen, Steve Jentzen, Dave Jordan, Bruce Mann, Dave McAllister, Dan Meade, Steve Neal, Rich Nesbet, Danny Parker, Graddy Rice, Jeff Rust, Bill Shepard, "Little" John Smith, Steve Smith, Dennis Spear, Willie Stormes, Charlie Taylor, Mel Walk, Freddie walder, Tom Ward, Co-Captain Charlie Wells, Nehemiah Weston, Steve Wilcoxen, Cedric Williams, Mike Wilson, Charlie Wolf, and last but not least, Dave Young.

Mr. Lambros has been very (patient) with the squad and thinks West will have one of the or the best wrestling squads and record in the history of West Junior High Wrestling.

7th Grade Basketball

by John Schmidt

The 7th grade team of West Jr. High is made up of the following 16 boys.

They are: Rodney Byrd, Randy Beck, Arthur Burrell, Richard Burgens, and Scott Butler. Also included on the team are: Dennis Duckworth, Richard Duckworth, Tony Frazier, James Hall, and Bob Kelly. Finally the team is completed with Craig Lamiman, Larry Powell, Richard Thacker, James Tipton, Jim Rowe, and last of all, Scott Sawaya.

8th Grade Basketball

by John Schmidt

After 3 days of tryout practice the 24 boys trying to make a place on the basketball squad were cut down to the following 15; Doug Baylis, Steve Burandt, Mark Crawford, Dane Fortney, Terry Frye, Rick Hawkins, Bruce Helppie, Mike Lewis, Pat McCrystal, Bob McSpadden, Rufus Powell, John Schmidt, Fred Trosko, Mike Wilson, and Gary Ziegler.

Wrestling Stalions

By Mark Hamilton

Now in his second year at wrestling coach of the eager stallions, Mr. Lambros enters the 1967-68 season with a 7-0 record.

When asked about the 7th grade wrestlers, the one-time state champion answered, "There are many hard workers and they're eager to learn."

The schedule, he said, will probably be a little different this year with 2 meets with Belleville for the 7th and 8th grade wrestlers only. There will also be the usual 7 varsity meets.

Warm-up or exercises occupy the first period of the practice, followed by an instruction period headed by Mr. Lambros. Drills or actual wrestling takes up most of the time and they finish up with running laps in the halls.

With the experience of the lettermen of last year, Mr. Lambros starts the season without any pressure.

Behind The Scenes

by Fred Trosko

The new 1967-68 basketball season at West is here and believe me it's new!

Four players have been added to the Freshman roster which shojld give them a lot more depth than what they had. The four additions are Tony Roberson, Mike Horne Don Baily, and Wyman Green, a standout from East. I asked head coach Mr. Wagner to comment on them. "These boys have helped the outfit. It's a little harder to secure a position now that they are here."

The freshmen will be out to beat last year's 9th grade record of 7-1. Sparked by the preformance of Lonnie Taylor, Dorson Duffin, and John Wilson, they lost only to East Jr. High. I asked Mr. Wagner how this ye year's team compared with last years. "There is a lot more unity amongst the team members than there was last year. We had boys worrying about how many points they would score in the game."

The 8th grade team went perfect last season, winning 8 straight games without a defeat. Can they do it again?

"It's up to them," was head coach Mr. Perriello's reply. "They have the ability to do it."

I then asked Mr. Perriello how this year's 8th graders compare with last years. "They have a lot more desire and ability than last year's team, and the fact that they've never lost has helped them." The 7th grade team is going to have the task of going unbeaten this year. As Mr. Perriello puts it, "This team is green. There are about five or six good ballplayers, but I'm hoping fore some boys to come through for us." The boys Mr. Perriello mentioned are Bob Kelly, Larry Powell, and Art Burrell.

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Cleary Around the Corner

by Callis

Got a problem? Need help desperately? Mrs. Cleary, one of our two fabulous counselors, is alway on hand!

Marie Cleary grew up in Bay City, Michigan and attended St. James High School there. She came to Ypsi. to attend Eastern Michigan University and while there met her husband who went of Uof M. They had two children, and her husband, the late Owen J. Cleary, became President of Cleary College. After his death and her family became grown up, she went back to college at EMU to recieve her Master's degree in guidance and counseling which then made West very fortunate to put her on their faculty, five years ago.

Mrs. Cleary is really a fantastic woman! Aside from her understanding, care and busy day at school she is also very active in many clubs and organinations of our city. She is on the By the People Commitee an associate member of the Lady's Literary Club, is a member of St. John's Church and the sorority Delta Cappa Gama, also belongs to the Altrusa Club. Mrs. Cleary said that the altitude of the students is very good for the majority of us and that most of us are eager to learn, work hard and get good grades.

Do We Want Fun Nights or Not?

by Pam Andrews

To most students at West, our fun nights here are a time for fun and enjoyment. Let's face it, fun nights are for the students. The teachers, who chaperone thim, would probably just as soon go home and relax, but they stay! For whom? We students!!

Since the fun nights are for us, it seems that we should all be on our best behavior at them. Yelling out what types of songs we want to hear is not a form of behavior in which we all would be proud of, if guests came to observe our fun night. So why do we do this? Yelling out requests really doesn't get us what we want anyway!! Usually, if this is done most students resent it, and really just ignore it!! There are certain times during a fun night, where students ma may have requests and dedications. These times are enough fo for us to hear our favouite type of songs.

So, at our next fun night, let's all try to be considerate, and think of others. If we do this, it seems that our fun nights would actually be more fun! If we do not do this, the alternate is not having anymore fun nights.

Therefore, if we really want fun nights, then we should earn the right by acting like YOUNG ADULTS!!

Dear Action Line,

Everyday when I come sweating out of gym I come to the only empty drinking fountain across from the library. The only trouble is that the water is so warm you could boil an egg in it. Please do something.

Burnt Lips

Dear Burnt Lips,

The problem was discussed with the head custodian Mr. Wilks. He knows that the water is warm but the water pipes come through the steam tunnel and this is why. If the water is left running it is a terrible waste. Cheer-up we're sending you a tube of chap stick.

Dear Action Line,

Why oh why can't the fun-nights be longer?

Unhappy

Dear Unhappy,

Action Line went straight to the head source, Mr. Goodsmen and he said, "First of all, we have found out that most kids have the fun during two hours and get tired after that. Secondly, we feel that school events shouldn't last past 9:30.

Curtis' On Tour

by Jim Walker

Mrs. Curtis, the typing teacher at West Junior High, and her husband, Philip, a senior at the U of M Dental School, went on a motorcycle tour last summer.

The Curtis' left June 17,196 on a six-hundred B.M.W. motorcycle and carried sixty pounds of luggage. The Curtis' traveled and visited the thirteen stat Canada, Nassua on New Providence Island, and the Bahama Islands.

Not knowing where they would go the next day, they read the papers for weather reports, and where there was good weather they went. They traveled six-weeks at about two-hundred miles a day and visited the Everglades, Marinelan of the Atlantic, and many other interesting places. Off the coast of Florida they went deep sea fishing to catch three dolphins.

Mrs. Curtis said, "I would do it again in a minute, I had such a great time!"

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Swap. Holiday offer. Partridge in a pear tree for five golden rings.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

At the last fun nite, Friday the 17th, they had the lights on most of the time. It is much better with the lights off. Some of the kids are too shy to dance with the lights on because they feel they can't dance well. I hope next time the lights are off.

No lights

It was at the request of Mr. Goodsman that the lights were on at the last fun nite. It was, however for the students own good. It seems that when the lights are out, some people get out of hand, and start chain dances or dances to this effect. effect. The conclusion ..... many students were being bumped into, and many left very angry. So let's all hope that we can have the lights off all the time at the next fun night.

Also, in reply to a recent letter, we were not aware that the records were not loud enough to hear. We will suggest to the next group that puts on the fun night to be sure to have the re records turned up loud enough.

BAND NOTES

by Mark Hamilton

After a fine performance at the East-West football game, Mr. Townsend has started the 1967-68 West Junior High Concert Band. Some of the members of the band have started making plans for the Band Festival in February. In this the band plays as a full unit to gain a one, two or three rating. Next, certain members or groups of members perform for the same rating. These performances, or what the bandsmen call solos and ensembles, also can help the over-all ratings.

So far this year there have been two major divisions of the Concert Band. One of these is the orchestra; this organization includes the string sections and selected members of the Concert Band. As you may already know they performed at the Christmas Concert.

The other division is the Dance Band. Like parts of the orchestra, the Dance Band is selected from concert band members. This organization is coming along very well and is planning to perform sometime during the spring.

The Shadow

Carroll Caudill, the victim of the SHADOW this week seems to make a routine of goofing around with David Bunting and John Church, except when he has forgotten to do his homework.

During art he usually sits next to David Pretslof and enjoys talking with him, although he d does his work. Lide most everyone he is out of his seat more than necessary the last minutes of class.

Math has no regular pattern like hes other classes, because Carroll talks quite a lot at ti times and others he sits interested. Carroll seems to understand different methods in math then he does homework for other classes, while the teacher explains further to those who do not understand. As the bell rings he races to the carfetorium.

Carroll eats a small lunch and spends most of the time talking.

Before and after gym Carroll likes wrestling with John Smith, a gym assistant. Carroll has received five swats from Mr. Perriello.

In geography he sits in the middle of the room giving him an excellent opportunity to disrupt the class, which he takes advantage of.

Ed Crouse is Carroll's favorite conversationalist before and during literature.

After school he gets what he needs and leaves merrily. (Remember the SHADOW may be watching you at school at home, or after school.

What Do You Want for Christmas?

by Dane Fortney

This intriguing question is asked an infinite number of times each year and many people obviously get very bored having to answer it. This year, however, there's going to be a change, The Round-Up is going to answer your question for you. We've asked around and got the following answers:

Rick Baldwin-a mini bike
Denny Speer-a million dollars
Keith Dumas-a mini bike
Betty Calder-a Steve for sis
Mary Bell-a new Badminton racket
Mike Ward-Two front teeth
Steve Smith-a Pink light bulb
Kath Edmunds-a Teddy
Cheryl Callis-modras underwear

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Found: Small package in river under Tallahatchie Bridge. Will return to owner.

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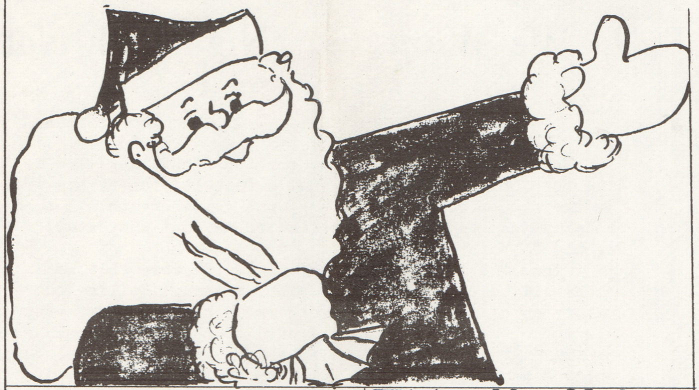
Will the girl third from the right under the mistletoe at the party please drop Sam a line.



What Does Christmas Mean To You?

by John Schmidt

With Christmas just around the corner and the yule-tide season in the air, I'm sure that Santa Claus would want us to know the real mianing of his holiday.

Santa himself is a very jolly and joyful person, always in a good mood. However, many older people, joyful at any time except Christmas, dread the holiday shopping and the mad, confusing rush-about. They pronounce Christmas a long drawn out, over advertised ordeal, thinking only of food and sleep.

On the other hand Santa Claus is constantly working for everybodies happiness, thinking of you all the time, always in a good mood. Why, he even works on Christmas Eve while little children wait up for him.

The adults aren't the only ones with the wrong conception of Christmas, but so do many teenagers. Most of us think only of receiving, but not giving. Again, Santa Claus is a leader in his class. He works to give to everyone, but does he receive anything? How many people leave something for Santa Claus? How many said thank you after? Santa is still a jolly old fellow with no doubt no one thinking about him!

Although Santa does not really exist his spirit should!

The example set by the three wisemen following a bright star with their best of possissions as gifts should set us in the real Christmas mood!

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CONFUSED CONFUCIOUS:

A rolling stone gets pretty worn down.

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The early gets awfully tired.

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People who live in glass houses buy lots of drapes.

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If you want a thing done well, call an expert.

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Ask me no questions, I'm not very smart.

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He who keeps nose to grindstone, has very flat face.

Thoroughly Modern Santa

By Cara Stroges

I know that many people will miss Santa's old traditions, but this year things may change a bit.

As a reporter from The Round-Up, I made arrangements to go to the North Pole to interview Santa. During the time I stayed there, I found out some very interesting things about which I will tell you.

Lately, Santa has been talking to a couple of Halloween witches. He discovered a way to save time and food! How? Easy! All Santa would need to do would be to give up his reindeer and ride a broom instead. This new system would mean Santa would not have to spend any time preparing the reindeeror feeding them. Sounds great? Sure it does, but then Mrs. Santa pointed out that perhaps he could find a vehicle that would hold a bit more weight because a broom might not hold up too long.

We all sat and tried to think of some way for Santa to get around. Finally, Santa said, "I knew it was no use! I had my hopes too high!"

Then it dawned on me. "What about a vacuum cleaner?"

"That's a great idea," Santa said, "but what shall I do with my reindeer?"

Another problem! "Well," I said, "let's talk to them about it." When we reached the reindeer they were angrily packing their suitcases. Rudolph said that they were leaving because word had gotten around that Santa was taking their job away. Sant felt bad about this and suddenly said, "How would you like it if I sent you on a

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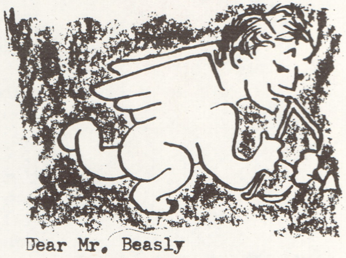
Holiday Personalities

C lever- Alice Calder
H usky- Ed Butler
R eliable-Don Bailey
I ntellectual-Cindy Brown
S lim- Sue Stadtmiller
T alented- Leah Bass
M ischievious-Steve McCoy
A ctive- Scott Carter
Shy- Kelly McCrystal

Mr. Beasly



Dear Mr. Beasly
My boy friend ask me to go to a wild party.
Stuck

Dear Stuck
The answer depends on what you mean by wild. I would say no, not in junior high.

Dear Mr. Beasly,
I'm a girl and have big feet (size ten). What should I do?
Flatfoot

Dear Flatfoot,
Boys don't look at a girl's foot first. Be attractive and pleasant and you won't be judged by your feet. Besides, you can step on more bugs this way. Cheer up--and put your smallest foot forward.

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vacation trip to Florida for the winter?"

"All right, man," they said said.

Santa hired a pilot (with his own plane) and helped each of the reindeer onto the plane. They were soon up in the air. Santa watched them disappear into the clouds.

"Well, there they go," Santa said sadly. "Now what?"

"I'll tell you what," Mrs. Santa said, "you better get started to find yourself a vacuum cleaner because you certainly aren't using mine, and I know how slow you do things you should have started a year ago. ago." Then Mrs. Santa turned to me and said, "Now you know why we only have Christmas once a year. Because he's so slow."

"Now, Mrs. Santa," I said, "I'll make sure everything is done on time."

That afternoon we went around looking for the proper vacuum cleaner. After looking at hundreds of them we finally chose a Mustang with power steering and a 500 year guarantee.

Well, Santa is about ready to go now but before I left he asked if I would wish everybody at West an old-fashinned Merry Christmas, so "Merry Christmas everyone!"

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Will the person who saw Mommy kissing Santa Claus please call Bobby.